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1. EMBASSY WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY GENRAL PIOTROWSKI'S PRESENCE IN OSLO JAN 13-14 TO BRIEF SENIOR NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS AND COUNTRY TEAM ON AWACS, AND APPRECIATE EFFORT MADE TO SQUEEZE US INTO ALREADY TIGHT SCHEDULE. GON'S SERIOUS INTEREST IN AWACS REFLECTED BY HIGH LEVEL MILITARY AND DEFENSE ATTENDEES AT JAN 13 DINNER HOSTED BY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HOLST IN BG PIOTROWSKI'S HONOR. BG PIOTROWSKI'S OBVIOUS EXPERTISE AND UNIQUE COMPETENCE IN FIELD AND WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES IN STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER MADE DEFINITELY POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON NORWEGIAN AUDIENCE.
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2. LINE OF QUESTIONING WHICH FOLLOWED BG PIOTROWSKI'S POST DINNER PRESENTATION CRYSTALIZED CONCERNS WHICH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS HAVE WITH AWACS PROGRAM. THESE HAVE TO DO INTER ALIA WITH:
-- COMPARATIVE UTILITY OF AWACS TO NORTHERN FLANK VS. CENTRAL FRONT WHERE BATTLE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES OF

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SYSTEM COULD BE AS IMPORTANT AS EARLY WARNING WHICH IS NOT
FEELING HERE WHERE PRIMARY INTEREST IS WARNING
-- CONCERN OVER AVAILABILITY OF NORTHERN FLANK COVERAGE
VS. CENTRAL FLANK DEMANDS
-- CAPACITY OF AIRCRAFT FOR MARITME SURVEILLANCE.

3. PRIMARY TECHNICAL CONCERN OF AUDIENCE (AND GON IN GENERAL)
WAS ON SURVIVABILITY OF AWACS AIRCRAFT WHICH MADE BG PIOTROWSKI'S
BRIEFING PARTICULARLY PERTINENT. BG PIOTROWSKI'S ENCYCLOPEDIC
KNOWLEDGE AND DEPTH OF DETAIL PUT TO GOOD USE IN ANSWERING WIDE
VARIETY OF QUESTIONS BUT MOST PARTICULARLY THOSE TOUCHING
SURVIVABILITY.

4. WHILE DOUBTS ABOUT SURVIVABILITY STILL REMAIN IN MINDS OF
MANY PRESENT BG PIOTROWSKI'S ELABORATION OF POINT THAT
MANEURVERABILITY OF AWACS GIVES IT SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE ADVANTAGE
OVER GROUND SYSTEMS SUCH AS NADGE MADE IMPRESSION.

5. IN SUM, EMBASSY FEELS THIS TYPE OF TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON
COMPLICATED TOPIC BY OBVIOUS EXPERT PARTICULARLY VALUABLE
AS IT BRIDGES KNOWLEDGE GAP WITHOUT PRESENCE OF ERODING UNDERCURRENT
OF SALESMANSHIP.
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